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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) VISITS TO MEXICO

REF: (A) MEXICO 17484 (DTG 192302Z OCT 77)
(B) STATE 026945 (DTG 071801Z FEB 77)
(C) MEXICO 3205 (1970) (DTG 171520Z JUN 70)

1. SUMMARY. REFTEL A PROVIDED AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT
STATUS OF NPW VISIT PROSPECTS AND PROVIDED RECOMMENDED
COURSE OF ACTION. THIS TELEGRAM RESPONDS TO THOSE
RECOMMENDATIONS, ANSWERS QUESTIONS RAISED REGARDING
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THE "STANDARD STATEMENT," AND PROPOSES A PLAN TO DRAW
OUT GOM OBJECTIONS TO NPW VISITS. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY ASSESSMENT THAT
REFUSAL OF THE APRIL VISIT REQUEST WAS POLITICALLY
MOTIVATED. FROM YOUR REFTEL WE WOULD CONCLUDE THAT
SUPPORT OF FUTURE VISITS MUST BE CULTIVATED WITHIN THE

SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IF WE ARE TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT YOUR EFFORTS ARE BEING DIRECTED ALONG THIS LINE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PRESENTATION OF THE "STANDARD STATEMENT" TO GOM, OUR FILES INDICATE INFORMAL DELIVERY WAS MADE AS AN

ENCLOSURE TO A LETTER FROM NAVY TO THE MEXICAN NAVAL ATTACHE WASHINGTON, ADM MANZARRAGA, IN NOVEMBER 1968 INCIDENT TO THE NPW VISITS TO ACAPULCO IN THAT YEAR. AS NOTED IN REFTEL B, AMBASSADOR FORMALLY DELIVERED THE STANDARD STATEMENT TO FOREIGN MINISTER CARRILLO FLORES ON JUNE 16, 1970. DELIVERY OF STANDARD STATEMENT WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL C. AT THE SAME TIME, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH GOM REGARDING USG ASSURANCE ON LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES BEYOND THAT EXPRESSED IN THE STANDARD STATEMENT. AT THAT TIME, THE PUBLIC LAW 93-513 AMPLIFICATION OF THAT ASSURANCE WAS, OF COURSE, NOT AVAILABLE.

4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THE BEST APPROACH TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON SUBMITTING NEXT VISIT REQUEST, REMIND GOM THAT THE STANDARD STATEMENT WHICH PROVIDES USG ASSURANCES REGARDING THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF NPW DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND CREW TRAINING, AS WELL AS THE RADIOLOGICAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ASPECTS OF VISITS, WAS FORMALLY PROVIDED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THAT STATEMENT REMAINS UNCHANGED.

B. SHOULD GOM FIND THESE ASSURANCES INADEQUATE IN SOME WAY, WE WOULD EXPECT A MORE EXPLICIT RESPONSE THAN WAS RECEIVED IN DENYING THE APRIL VISIT.

C. IF LIABILITY OR SAFETY IS AT ISSUE, EMBASSY SHOULD OBTAIN AS DETAILED A DESCRIPTION OF CONCERNS AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT DEPARTMENT MAY PREPARE AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

D. FYI. WE CONSIDER IT PREFERABLE NOT TO OFFER TO GOM AT THIS TIME THE TEXT OF PL93-513. WE WOULD RATHER HOLD THAT IN RESERVE, TO BE USED, IF APPROPRIATE, IN ANY SUBSEQUENT APPROACH REQUIRED BY GOM RESPONSE. END FYI.

5. EXACT TIMING OF THE NEXT VISIT REQUEST IS UNDER REVIEW IN NAVY. RESULTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPTTEL.
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